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SUBJECT: THEME OF US DESTABILIZATION EFFORTS BEGINS TO
CIRCULATE

1. SUMMARY. IN PRESS, APPARENTLY ORIGINATING IN SOME MILITARY CIRCLES, THEME OF U.S. "DESTABILIZATION" EFFORTS AGAINST GEISEL REGIME HAS BEGUN TO CREEP INTO DISCUSSION OF U.S./BRAZIL DISPUTES OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR ACCORD. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PRESS, WITH APPARENT ORIGINS IN SOME MILITARY CIRCLES, THEME OF U.S. "DESTABILIZATION" EFFORTS AGAINST GEISEL REGIME HAS BEGUN TO CREEP INTO DISCUSSION OF PRESUMED U.S. "PRESSURES" AGAINST BRAZIL OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR ACCORD. FIRST PUBLIC NOTE WAS STRUCK IN MARCH 8 O ESTADO ARTICLE BY LONDON CORRESPONDENT HERMANO ALVES, WHO ANALYZED BRAZILIAN VULNERABILITIES TO U.S. ON NUCLEAR ACCORD AS COMPOUND OF HEAVY FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS, WEST EUROPEAN PUBLIC OPINION ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, AND PROLIFERATION ISSUE, AND CONCLUDED THAT, "FOR WHOMEVER OBSERVES THE BRAZILIAN SITUATION AT A DISTANCE, BUT SEES UP CLOSE THE EBB AND FLOW OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHESSBOARD, THE CONCLUSION IS INEVITABLE THAT THERE MAY BE MORE SUBTLE FORMS OF DESTABILIZATION, WHICH
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DR. HENRY KISSINGER NEVER DREAMED OF."

3. GAZETA MERCANTIL, IN ARTICLE MARCH 9, QUOTES "QUALIFIED MILITARY INFORMANT" IN BRASILIA AS DECLARING THAT "THE REAL OBJECT OF THE AMERICAN PRESSURES IS TO MODIFY THE EXISTING SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN BRAZIL." IN SOURCE'S OPINION, THE NUCLEAR ACCORD AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSTITUTE ONLY THE INITIAL

INSTANCES OF PRESSURE AGAINST BRAZIL WHICH MAY EVOLVE "IN
A STILL UNEVALUATED DIRECTION."

3. ARTICLE IN O ESTADO OF MARCH 12 REPORTS A GROWING FEELING
AMONG SOME SEGMENTS OF THE MILITARY, ALTHOUGH NOT THE HIGH
COMMAND, THAT, "IN AN EVIDENTLY UNDECLARED AND SUBTLE FORM,
DRESSED IN DOCTRINAL ASPECTS CAPABLE OF MOVING AMERICAN PUBLIC
OPINION, THE GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON MAY BE CARRYING OUT THE
SO-CALLED DESTABILIZATION OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT." ACCORD-
ING TO ARTICLE, THIS SCHOOL OF THOUGHT EXPLAINS GOB REJECTION
OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND HIGHLY POPULAR REVERSAL OF COMPUL-
SORY DEPOSIT SCHEME FOR GASOLINE SALES, AS STEPS BY GOVERNMENT
TO CONSOLIDATE PUBLIC SUPPORT ON THE HOME FRONT IN RESPONDING
TO WASHINGTON.

4. BRAZILIAN JOURNALIST, WHO HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OFFICERS
OF EMFA AND THE MINISTRY OF THE ARMY IN COVERING BRAZIL'S
DECISION TO RENOUNCE U.S. MILITARY AID, TOLD THE POLITICAL
COUNSELOR ON MARCH 11 SOME OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE HAD SPOKEN
SERIOUSLY SAW U.S. INTENTION AT PRESENT PICTURE AS OVER-
THROWING GEISEL.

5. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER "DESTABILIZATION" CHARGE
PRINCIPALLY A TACTICAL GAMBIT IN MORE EXTREME BRAZILIAN
MILITARY CIRCLES AND A REFLECTION OF THE TENDENCY TO SEE
PLOTS EVERYWHERE. AS A CONSIDERED TACTIC, IT IS A NATURAL
AND LOGICAL EXTENSION OF CURRENT EFFORTS TO BUILD NATIONAL
SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY BY REPRESENTING US AS A THREATENING
FOREIGN ENEMY. WE DO NOT RULE OUT THAT THIS INTERPRETATION,
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WILD AS IT IS, COULD GAIN SOME ACCEPTANCE IN MORE
NATIONALISTIC CIRCLES.
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